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RESPONSE

In response to the final office action mailed November 4, 2002, please amend the application as follows.

In the claims:

Please amend claims 1, 9, 16, 37, 39, 40, 41, and 42 as follows:

A method implemented in a computer program application performing operations on documents having states, the method comprising:

maintaining in a memory a state, the state history representing a history of document states of the document; and

whenever an interesting operation has occurred, an interesting operation being an operation by a user that changes the state of the document, automatically capturing the state of the document as it exists after the operation and adding the captured state to the state history of the document.

A computer-implemented method of interacting with a user editing a document in a computer program application, the document having a document state, the method comprising: receiving from the user a sequence of commands to change the document;

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